



## ACUPUNCTURE BOARD

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## ACUPUNCTURE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2002  
 Department of Consumer Affairs  
 1424 Howe Avenue, Suite F Conference Room  
 Sacramento, CA 95825

**Monday – January 14, 2002**  
**FULL BOARD**  
**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Pei Li Zhong-Fong, L.Ac., Chair  
 Shari Asplund,  
 Min M. Chang  
 Joan C. Chang, L.Ac.  
 Michael Eng, Vice Chair

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Marilyn Nielsen, Executive Officer  
 Don Chang, Legal Counsel  
 Helen Gathercole, Administrative Technician

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Justin Tin, D.D.S.  
 Howard Moffet, L.Ac.

### **GUEST**

Linda Hooper, Ph.D., Program Manager  
 DCA Office of Examination Resources

#### **1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum (P.Zhong-Fong, Chair)**

Pei Li Zhong-Fong called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at approximately 11:20 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

#### **2. CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(1) to discuss the administration of the examination.

#### **3. Examination Business (Discussion/Action)**

##### **a. 2001 Occupational Analysis/Validation Report**

Following an extensive closed session presentation by Dr. Linda Hooper, CALE Program Manager for the Office of Examination Resources, Ms. Zhong-Fong reported that on December 20, 2001, Shari Asplund, Marilyn Nielsen and herself also took part in a telephone conference with Dr. Norman Hertz, Manager, Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Examination Resources (OER). Summaries of questions were asked of Dr. Hertz regarding the Occupational Analysis and comparing it with the 1996 Occupational Analysis (OA). Dr. Hertz's response was that there was more structure in the development of the questionnaire in the workshop session for L.Ac.'s to answer the survey and in calculating the data from the survey results. The 2001 OA reflects the

practitioner has a greater influence of Western medicine. Dr. Hertz had explained the 2001 OA has a confidence reliability level of 95%. Ms. Zhong-Fong asked Dr. Hertz what important changes did he see in the current OA compared to the 1996 OA. Dr. Hertz said that he can answer the question in three words "Western Medicine Influence." Dr. Hertz said that he sees the influence of western medicine is going to be the growth area in acupuncture. He further stated that the changes made by western medicine will be embedded within the Acupuncture perspective and framework. He said he thought it was a "good thing". Ms. Asplund indicated the process in which the data was gathered, the involvement of the schools and the availability of onsite translators added to the resources than previously used. Dr. Hertz indicated the examination plan will be implemented with the January 2003 examination.

**SHARI ASPLUND MOVED AND JOAN CHANG SECONDED  
THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2001 OCCUPATIONAL  
ANALYSIS /VALIDATION REPORT AS COMPILED AND  
PRESENTED BY OER  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Public Comment Period:**

Tom Haines indicated although Dr. Hertz did an excellent job. The Occupational Analysis is only a survey document and should have limited use in decision making. It should be used as a reference tool only to help make decisions.

**5. Adjournment**

**The Acupuncture Board meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.**